(iii) Administrative experience.

(2) The departmental/Director with 5 years regular service in the grade will also be considered and in case he is selected for appointment to the post, the same shall be deemed to have been filled by promotion.

(The departmental officers in the feeder category who are in the direct line of promotion will not be eligible for consideration for appointment on deputation. Similarly, deputationists shall not be eligible for consideration for appointment by promotion. Period of deputation/contract including the period of deputation in another ex-cadre post held immediately proceeding this appointment in the same organisation/department shall not exceed 5 years).

12. If a DPC exists, what is its composition . *Group 'A' DPC*

(for considering confirmation)

(i) Secretary, Department of Culture—Chairman
(ii) Additional Secretary —Member

NOTE: The proceedings of the DPC relating to confirmation shall be sent to the Commission for approval. If, however, these are not approved by the Commission a fresh meeting of the DPC to be presided over by the Chairman or a Member of the UPSC shall be held.

13. Circumstances in which UPSC is to be consulted in making rectt. Selection on each occasion shall be made in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission.

Planting of rubber trees in the North East

53. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Sunday Observer of 7th January, 1990 regarding decision of Minister of Tourism to uproot forests and grow rubber trees in the North East; and

(b) whether this proposal has been cleared by the Ministry of Environment and Forests; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A news item dated 6-1-1990 had appeared in 'Sunday Observer' issue of 7—13 January, 1990 regarding the proposal to start rubber plantation in a big way all over the North East.

(b) As per Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act, 1988, cultivation of rubber in forest land is a "non-forest activity" and State Governments and other authorities are required to obtain prior approval of Central Government for breaking up or clearing of forest land for such purpose. No proposal regarding use of forest land for cultivation of rubber has been received and cleared by this Ministry.